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1. The MS VAASA, under charter contract to the Czechoslovakian Shipping Company¹ in Prague, loaded electronic equipment, radios, cameras, optical equipment, 100 trucks,² and general cargo in Gdynia in August 1952. This cargo was destined for Red China.³ The VAASA discharged the cargo at Tsingtao, China.⁴
2. On her return trip from Red China she carried manganese ore, cobalt, furs, silk, soya beans, and general cargo. This cargo was delivered to Constanta, Rumania.
3. [redacted] this transaction was handled by one party. Normally there is a large amount of paper work involved in handling cargo. This was not the case with the above mentioned shipments.

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Comment: Possibly Czechofracht, foreign trade company.

Comment: The trucks were not suitable for military purposes.

Comment: Trucks, generators, microscopes, and other items were discharged at Lapsam Island on 29 September 1952; then the VAASA proceeded to Whamoa.

The VAASA has not been reported in Tsingtao since May 1952.

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